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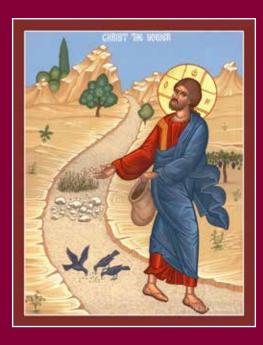
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Office of Indigenous Relations

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The Office of Indigenous Relations facilitates the Archbishop's ministry with Indigenous communities in the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton and serves as an on-going liaison between the Archdiocese and Indigenous communities.

The office, guided by an Indigenous Council established in 2016, is mandated to develop a vision for the building of valued and lasting relationships with the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in the Archdiocese.

Office of Catechesis

Coordinator: Julliette Moquin

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The Office of Catechesis, under the guidance of the Archbishop, promotes and supports the parishes and schools of the Archdiocese in the following areas:

- · Adult Faith Formation Resources
- Catholic Scripture Study Resources
- Formation of Catechists
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Resource
- Sacramental Preparation

"The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ."

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Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

Coordinator: Julien Hammond

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The Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations has a dual mandate: to promote the restoration of unity among Christian churches and ecclesial communities throughout the Archdiocese and to foster good relations, friendship and mutual understanding between Catholics and members of other faith communities (e.g. Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, etc.)

Compelled by the desire of Jesus Christ "that all may be one" (John 17:21), and encouraged by the spirit of Vatican II, the office fulfills its missions by organizing activities of ecumenical and inter-faith prayer, education, dialogue and common witness.

Office of the Lay Apostolate

Coordinator: Lucy Kaakyo Ph:

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The Office of the Lay Apostolate serves to support the activities of lay people in the life of the Church in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. This ministry focuses on the following areas:

- Archdiocesan Pastoral Council
- Together in Ministry formation for Parish Pastoral Councils
- Volunteer Management
- Lay Associations / Movements

As stewards of God's gifts, we intentionally use them for the service of others in leadership roles and as disciples of Christ. "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me" *Psalm 116:12*

Office of Life and Family

Coordinator: Steven Defer Ph: 780.469.1010 ext. 2159

The Office of Life and Family exists to encourage, equip, and build up the body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Edmonton by assisting parishes in the development and implementation of programming and experiences promoting an authentic and holistic understanding of the human person, sexuality, marriage, and family life.

Services, programs, resources, or referrals are available for Marriage Preparation, Marriage Enrichment, Natural Family Planning, Sexuality, Life Issues, World Meeting of Families, and the annual World Marriage Day celebration.

Office of Missions

Chair: Teresa Kellendonk Ph: 780.469.1010 ext. 2443

The Office of Missions exists to create a greater awareness of mission needs at home and abroad throughout the Archdiocese, especially in the parishes and Catholic schools. The Mission Council co-operates with the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies and other mission organizations.

Activities are conducted primarily through the Archdiocesan Mission Council which is comprised of representatives from the following communities: Council of Priests, Council of Consecrated Women, The Catholic Women's League, The Knights of Columbus, Edmonton Catholic Schools and Members at Large.

The Archdiocesan Mission Council fosters the on-going twinning relationship with the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith formalized with the signing of a covenant by Archbishop Richard Smith and Bishop Mark Hagemoen on July 2, 2014.

Office of Pastoral Care

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Pastoral Care communicates Christ's healing love and compassion to all, especially those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. The Office of Pastoral Care works to coordinate and promote programs and initiatives that offer spiritual and sacramental support.

The office works closely with healthcare institutions, chaplains, parishes and clergy for the well-being of our Catholic community. We connect with pastoral visitor volunteers by providing education, training and formation through the Ministry of Pastoral Care: Certificate Program for Volunteers in order to prepare pastoral care volunteers for service in our health care facilities and prisons.

Safe Environments & Abuse Prevention

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The Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton takes any allegations of abuse very seriously. We are committed to ensuring that any archdiocesan employee, priest or lay volunteer who offends against children or other vulnerable persons is promptly removed from ministry, that any offences are immediately reported to civil authorities, and that victims receive an apology, compassion and assistance in recovering from any harm they have suffered, including compensation where appropriate.

We recognize that all pastors, employees and volunteers are also called to take active measures to prevent abuse of any kind in the future. We must ensure to the best of our ability that our parishes and ministries offer a safe environment to all, particularly to children and vulnerable adults such as the sick, elderly or disabled. We offer the Abuse Prevention training Called to Protect and work closely with the Office of Lay Apostolate in the area of Volunteer Management.

Office of Youth Evangelization

Coordinator: Lisa Macquarrie

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The Office of Youth Evangelization brings the Good News of Jesus Christ into the lives of youth and young adults of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton – into their families, schools, communities and, through the workings of the Holy Spirit, converts them and society by the power and message of the Gospel itself.

The office is a resource to help develop and maintain youth and young adult evangelization in your parish or setting. We offer formative training and retreats for people involved in this ministry and supplement your parish ministry by organizing Archdiocesan-wide events such as the Archdiocesan Youth Rally, World Youth Day and Western Canada Catholic Youth Conference.

The office is also responsible for the operation of the two Archdiocesan camps: Camp Encounter at Lac La Nonne and Our Lady of Victory Camp at Gull Lake.